Use Common Sense

Make it a safe holiday season

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
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Celebrate Christmas Safely

A dash of common sense sprinkled in with the gaity of the holiday season is the secret ingredient in the recipe for a happy and safe Christmas. Here are some suggestions to remember. (These are in the forms of do's and don'ts.)

DO: Keep the Christmas Tree in water. 2. Clamp electric lights directly to branches. 3. Use electrical equipment approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. 4. Keep breakable ornaments out of the reach of small children and pets. 5. Use fire resistant artifical snow under the tree not flammable cotton. 6. Avoid overloading electrical circuits with lights and decorations. 7. Turn off tree lights before leaving the house and before retiring for the night. 8. Use only weather proofed cords and lights outdoors. 9. Hang outdoor lights with the sockets down so they will not collect water. 10. Check to see that all lights are burning before putting them on a tree. 11. Start at the top of the tree and string the lights downward one string at a time to prevent breaking.

11 Use spot lights to accent artifical trees not electrical equipment.

DON'T: 1. Use frayed cords or faucity sockets in your lights. 2. Don't leave cords trailing along the floor or ground. 3. Don't leave tree lights on longer than necessary. 4. Don't smoke while trimming the tree or taking it down. 5. Don't put electrical items such as electric trains near the tree. 6. Don't let metal foil or tensil lay against electrical decorations. 7. Don't leave discarded wrapping paper near the tree. 8. Don't leave the tree inside when it becomes dry. 9. Don't use chairs for a ladder when reaching high places on a tree. They are unsafe, substitute. 10. Don't twist the wires in arranging them on the tree. 11. Don't forget to have replacement bulbs near the tree. 12. Don't wait, check the lighting effect as you put them on.

Please keep your tree watered thoroughly. Should you cut your tree several days before putting it up make a fresh cut on the butt of the tree before putting it in the tree stand. Be extra cautious in handling any type of Christmas greens, these dry out very quickly if not in water.

Let's celebrate Christmas safely.

Should you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call us at 352-8244 or you may write the Appomattox County Extension Office at P. O. Box 488 Appomattox, Va. 24522.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Anne's Sweet Potato Pound Cake

1 cup butter
2½ cups mashed sweet potatoes, cooked
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup pecans
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
3 cups flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ cup coconut (optional)

Cream butter and sugar; add potatoes, beat until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Combine flour, salt, baking powder, soda, nutmeg and cinnamon; stir into creamed mixture. Add vanilla, mix well, stir in nuts and coconut. Spoon mixture into greased 10 inch tube pan and bake at 350° for 1 hour 15 minutes. If desired, spread with icing while hot. This cake is just as good not iced. Delicious-one of the best!

Cream Cheese Forsting:
1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1½ cups confectioners sugar

Blend cream cheese and lemon juice; slowly add confectioners sugar and beat until smooth. Spread over top of cake and let drip down sides.

Many thanks to Mrs. Anne Robinson for sharing this delicious recipe with us. This will quickly become one of your family favorites.

If You Have Social Items CALL The Times-Virginian 352-8215

Discount cards issued

"Senior Discount Cards will be issued Monday, December 14, 1981 at Farmers, National Bank in the Triangle Plaza from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You must be 60 years of age to receive a card. Please bring proof of age and your Social Security Card."

Good News For Homemakers

4-H Club News

Mrs. Blue's 4-H Club

Mrs. Blue's 4-H Club met on December 2, 1981. We played games and said the Pledge to the flag. Pine seedling and strawberry order sheets were handed out. We looked at and made Christmas things. We sang a song and the president adjourned the meeting.

By EDWARD MARTIN

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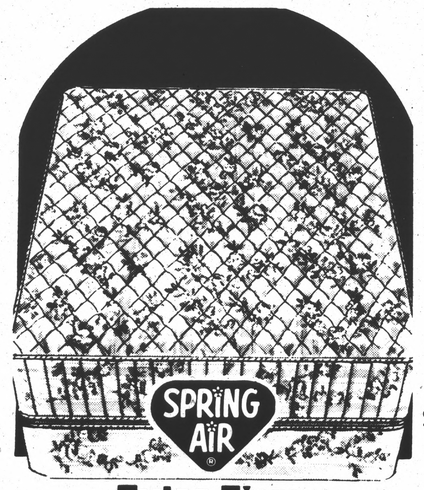

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Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET

Laura Walton, Laurie Cowan and Terri Nash have returned from their exciting week at National 4-H Congress in Chicago. Each of the girls will be receiving a set of color slides from National 4-H Congress and will be available to present programs on their experience at National 4-H Congress. Civic groups wishing a program on National 4-H Congress or other 4-H related subjects can call the Extension Office at 352-8244.

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Senior 4-H'ers are reminded that they have until December 29 to apply for one of the trips to the National 4-H Conference held in Washington, D. C. each spring. Members may apply by completing the Senior 4-H Member Summary and by writing a short essay entitled "Why I Would Like to Attend National 4-H Conference."

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Orders for the 4-H Pine Seedlings have been forwarded to the Virginia Division of Forestry. Pine seedlings will normally be delivered around the middle of March.

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4-H families may order strawberry plants through January 20, 1982. Varieites offered will be Earliblelle, Surecrop and Delite. If your family would like a strawberry order form, please stop by the Extension Office. The plants will cost $2.50 for each 25 plants.

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Nearly 90% of the 4-H Popcorn Sale money has been turned in. If yours is still out, please try to get it in by December 18. 4-H Camp scholarship winners will be announced at your January 4-H meetings. About 30 4-H members will receive some partial scholarships to 4-H Camp due to their efforts in the popcorn sale.

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4-H Share-the-Fun program will begin in late January and continue until early February. Exact dates for Share-the-Fun programs will be announced at your January meetings.

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There have been 65 hunting accidents in Virginia (6 deaths) since July 1, 1981. Many of these have involved young people. Remember to caution your youngsters about correct gun safety procedures before they leave for an afternoon or day of hunting.

THE SPOUT SPRING RURITAN CLUB installs officers for 1982. At their regular meeting, held Saturday, December 5, 1981 the following officers were installed for 1982. (Front row - left to right) President, Joe Fuller; Vice President, W. D. Myrick; Secretary, David W. Smith, Sr.; (Back row - left to right): Director, E. W. Jones; Director, William Layne, Jr.; Director, Curtis Woodson, not shown Treasurer, Claude Dickerson; and Director, James Cheatham. The installation was conducted by W. C. Dudley of the Pamplin Ruritan Club.

Chestnut Grove news

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bryan and David Bryan are attending the Virginia Pork Industry Conference in Blacksburg Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mr. Jimmy Whitehead and children of Illinois are spending a few days with his grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. Dott Bryan.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Ms. C. W. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris and Rodney of Richmond.

Mrs. Helen Tolbert, Mrs. Rita Harris and Mrs. Barbara Tolbert were hostess to a stork shower Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Bonita Harris Smith. She received many useful gifts.

Mrs. Jean Lawerence and boys of Roanoke were afternoon visitors Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass visited Mrs. Janie Repass at Heritage Hall, Blackstone Sunday.

A large crowd attended the funeral of Dan Senger Saturday. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Thursday night visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan of Andersonville; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Crews of Portsmouth.

Saturday supper guest of Mrs. Alice Senger were Mr. and Mrs. Preston Senger; the Rev. Clyde Senger, all of Crewe, Mrs. Lucille Senger of Cumberland; Mrs. Leota Kulick and Mrs. Anna Flippen both of Richmond were Saturday afternoon visitors. Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr., Kathy and Kemper III were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Senger and children spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Practor at Crewe.

Just a reminder of the club luncheon Monday, Dec. 14 at 11:00 a.m. at the clubhouse.

Mrs. May Weakley of Appomattox spent Monday night with Mrs. Alice Senger.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Ernest Bowling, Sr. Burial was Sunday at New Store Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris, Becky and Kathy attended the fall athletic banquet Monday night at Buckingham High School. Kathy and Becky received their certificates and pins.

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THE SPOUT SPRING RURITAN CLUB honor their wives on their annual Christmas ladies night. A dinner was given at John Mosby Restaurant on Saturday, December 5, 1981, to honor the wives of the members of the club. Each wife was given a Christmas gift in appreciation of their help and support of community activities the club participated in during 1981.

Winston elected to AAA

Robert C. Winston, Appomattox, Virginia, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with some 38,000 active life and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly 10 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U. S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U. S. consumption.

Lorna Goin honored

Miss Lorna Goin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall D. Goin, Appomattox, Virginia has been inducted into Gamma Sigma Sigma national service sorority, Beta Phi Chapter, at Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Gamma Sigma Sigma is a national sorority with the purpose of assembline college and university women in the spirit of service to humanity. The Lynchburg Chapter will work with the Special Olympics, the bloodmobile, various service projects and serve as ushers for the College drama productions.

Miss Goin is a freshman at the College and is majoring in nursing.

Christmas drama set

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